

VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Where your talents and the needs of the world meet, there lies your vocation." ~ Aristotle

July 22, 2015

Spotters for "iCan Bike" Camp - Aug. 16-21

The "iCan Bike" camp will teach children, teens, and young adults with disabilities how to ride a two-wheeler from Aug. 17 to 21, with volunteer spotters playing a critical role. Prior experience with people with disabilities is not necessary, as the camp is run by professionals. Three sessions of the class will be held each day. Session #1 will be from 3:30-4:45 p.m.; Session #2 from 5:05-6:20 p.m. and Session #3 from 6:40-7:55 p.m. Spotters must be available for the same session each of the five days, plus allow 15 extra minutes for debriefing. Spotters must also be able to attend a short orientation at 4 p.m. on Aug. 16. Volunteers will provide both motivational and physical support, as they jog - or run - beside their rider. Minimum age is 16. Interested? Please complete the volunteer registration form at: http://icanbikebloomington.org or contact Deborah Myerson at icanbikebloomington@gmail.com or (812) 993-0898. (www.downsyndromefamilyconnection.org)

4th Street Festival of Arts & Crafts – Sept. 5-6

Volunteers make a huge contribution to Bloomington's 4th Street Festival of Arts and Crafts! You can set-up between 5-9 p.m. on Sept. 4, or volunteer between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sept. 5 or 6. Volunteers assist with traffic flow, artist hospitality, T-shirt sales, crowd counting, and other varied tasks. Those who volunteer at least two hours will receive this year's collectible T-shirt! Those volunteering between 5-6 p.m. on Sept. 6 will be asked to help with tear-down. Volunteers must be able to stand or sit in potential heat as the festival is held outdoors. Minimum age is 16. Please contact Juliet Roberts at julietcroberts@gmail.com or 812-345-1531. (www.4thstreet.org)

Community Wish List Spotlight

The Warehouse

Provides a safe, positive environment for youth and families through people whose work is produced by Christian faith. It houses a rock climbing wall, skate park, heavy weightlifting club, boxing club, basketball, dodge-ball, recreational area and stage. To grant a wish, contact Lexi Summers at (812) 333-3951 or lexi@btownwarehouse.com (1525 S. Rogers St.; www.btownwarehouse.com)

Wishes: art supplies, computers, musical instruments, office supplies, automatic folder, bowling balls

Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

Save Wildlife by Attending Fun Community Events

WildCare, a wildlife rehabilitation center, needs outgoing people to staff information tables at events across South Central Indiana throughout the year. This is a great way to advocate for WildCare while exploring your home and neighboring communities. WildCare teaches respect for wild animals and provides care for sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife so they can be returned to the wild. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Jack Yonkman at (812) 323-1313 or info@wildcareinc.org. (wildcareinc.org)

Community Bike Project

The Bloomington Community Bike Project is a local coop that emphasizes bicycle maintenance and repair education. They provide free used parts, space, tools, and bike maintenance books to community members with bicycles in need of repair. There is also a Shop Monitor to help you diagnose and fix your own bike. Volunteers assist with cleaning and organizing the shop; identify bike repairs needed for Bike Project bicycles; and repair those bikes. Minimum age is 15; 13 if with an adult. Please contact them at bloomington.bike.project@gmail.com. (www.bloomingtonbikeproject.com)

Calling All Cat Lovers!

Those who love our furry friends have the opportunity to spend time helping the Bloomington Animal Care and Control staff in the mornings. Volunteers assist with cleaning cat kennels and cat colonies in the adoptable area, which involves handling the cats, giving fresh food and water, and changing litter boxes. Volunteers must be able to commit to a once a week shift from 9-11 a.m. for six months, be able to bend over and kneel to clean lower cages, lift cats, lift large bags of litter and cat food, read the cats' kennel cards and follow verbal instructions. Minimum age is 16; 13 if with an adult. Please complete the online application at: http://bit.ly/ShelterCatCare or contact Jenny Gibson at (812) 349-3872 or gibsonj@bloomington.in.gov. (www.bloomington.in.gov/animalshelter)

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org or call 812-349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

